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Federal Opportunities

21st Century Community Learning Centers. *The Department of Education* announces funds to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit educational, health, social services, cultural and recreational needs of the community. Only rural or inner-city public elementary or secondary schools, consortia of those schools, or local educational agencies are eligible for grants. The deadline is March 30, 2001. Approximately 400 awards will be made and \$500,000 is the estimated size of each award. For further information, contact Amanda Clyburn at (202) 260-3804 and 21stCCLC@ed.gov. Also see <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/index.html>.

The Minority Science and Engineering Program. *The Department of Education* announces funds to improve science and engineering education at predominantly minority institutions and to increase the flow of underrepresented ethnic minorities, particularly minority women, into scientific careers. Public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education are eligible. The deadline is March 19, 2001. Approximately 79 awards will be made totaling \$8.5 million. For further information contact Deborah Newkirk at (202) 502-7591 or deborah_newkirk@ed.gov. Also see <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/index.html>.

Health Small Research Grant Program. *The National Institutes of Health, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality* announces a program of small research grants designed to provide support for new investigators or researchers new to health care service issues and encourage preliminary, exploratory, or innovative research in new or

previously unexamined areas. In all research projects the agency is interested in an explicit focus on priority populations, which include low-income groups, minority groups, women, children, the elderly and those with special needs, and health care delivery in inner-city and rural areas. Applications may be submitted by public agencies and nonprofit organizations including local governments, universities, clinics, and foundations. The deadlines for 2001 are March 24, July 24 and November 24. The total budget limit for projects is \$100,000. For more information, contact 1-800-358-8547. Also see <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm>.

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Last Call! Education Professional Development Program. *The DC Office of Postsecondary Education, Research and Assistance* solicits applications to design a program that provides teachers with skills needed to improve the quality of instruction in mathematics and science. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15, 2001. Applications may be obtained from 717 14th Street, NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Contact (202) 727-6537. Also see http://www.cfo.dc.gov/services/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm.

The following applications can be obtained from the Office of Research and Analysis, 717 14th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005. Contact (202) 727-6537. Also see http://www.cfo.dc.gov/services/grant/funding_grants/index.shtm

- **WIC-CSFP Food Center Grant.** The deadline is January 25, 2001. One award of \$1,121,000 will be made.

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- **Community Outreach Campaign.** The deadline is January 31, 2001. One award of \$325,000 will be made.

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International Reading Association. *The International Reading Association* regularly honors outstanding achievement in various fields related to reading and reading education. Award programs include honors for teaching, service to the profession, research, media coverage of reading, and authorship of children's books. For more information, contact (302) 731-1600 or gcasey@reading.org. Also see <http://www.reading.org/about/whatwedo/awards/>

High School Debate Program. *The Open Society Institute* provides grants to existing and emerging debate programs that serve disadvantaged youth. Organizations interested in applying for funding should first submit an original two-page letter of inquiry along with their IRS tax-exempt status determination letter. There are no deadlines for the submission of inquiries and grants are made on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact Beth Breger at bbreger@sorosny.org. Also see <http://www.soros.org/usdebate/>.

Resources & Announcements

Community Public Art Initiatives. *The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities* seeks site nominations from District residents for outdoor sites in their communities that are available for long-term placement of public art projects. The deadline is January 16, 2001. A minimum of five sites will be funded. For more information, call Monica Manuel at (202) 724-5613. Also see [http://www.capaccess.org/ane/dccah/Community Initiatives.htm](http://www.capaccess.org/ane/dccah/Community_Initiatives.htm).

The DC Foundation Center. *The Foundation Center Library* will be closed to the public while it is moving, which will be from Friday, January 12 through Tuesday, January 16. The library will reopen on January 17 at 1627 K Street NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20006. With this move, the Foundation Center will become a multi-faceted resource center, offering a larger library, computer center, and classrooms for expanded programming.

Contact the library at (202) 331-1400 for more information. Also see <http://fdncenter.org/washington/index.html> to review the links to local community resources and the calendar of upcoming events.

Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration. An open meeting for all organizations concerned with workforce issues is being convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 to inaugurate the *Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC)*, formerly known as RWDPA. Included on the program will be a panel of regional Workforce Investment Board members and a discussion on the implementation of the Workforce Investment Act. The meeting will be held at the University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 in the Building 47 Auditorium from 8:30am to lunch.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program. *The DC Department of Employment Services (DOES)* is seeking senior citizens interested in working part-time. This program is designed to promote meaningful part-time employment for needy elderly residents. As Senior Aides, participants are assigned to jobs in public and private non-profit organizations working 20 hours/ week at minimum wages. DOES pay the salaries with funds from the US Dept. of Labor and the National Council of Senior Citizens. Applicants must be 55 years or older, be a DC resident and have an annual income not exceeding the US Dept. of Labor's Poverty Guidelines. DOES is currently recruiting for senior citizens interested in participating in this program. If you are interested or know of someone who is, contact Diane Hearn in the Senior Aide Office. (202) 724-7071.

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